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In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 9, line 29, and replace with the following:

Another embodiment of the present invention provides for a pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound capable of inhibiting neurotoxicity, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The carrier may be a diluent, an aerosol, a topical carrier, an aqueous solution, a nonaqueous solution or a solid carrier.

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 15, line 25, and replace with the following:

As used herein, the term "cytotoxicity" encompasses the negative metabolic, biochemical and physiological effects on a cell which may result in a debilitation of the cellular functions, including but not limited to cell death.

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 15, line 31, and replace with the following:

In the practice of any of the methods of the invention or preparation of any of the pharmaceutical compositions, a "therapeutically effective amount" is an amount which is capable of inhibiting the binding of an amyloid- $\beta$  peptide with a receptor for advanced glycation endproduct. Accordingly,

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the effective amount will vary with the subject being treated, as well as the condition to be treated. For the purposes of this invention, the methods of administration are to include, but are not limited to, administration cutaneously, subcutaneously, intravenously, parenterally, orally, topically, or by aerosol.

A marked-up version of the amendments is enclosed herewith as **Exhibit A**.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 34-37 are pending and under examination in the subject application. No claim has been added, amended or canceled. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4 and 34-37 will still be pending and under examination.

Applicants maintain that these amendments to the specification do not raise any issues of new matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

**Summary**

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invite the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.